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SOP 4: CLEANING PRODUCE TRUCKS

Purpose:

Describes how to adequately clean all vehicles used to transport produce. Does not apply to flatbed used in field.

Materials Needed:

- Broom
- Long hose (50 ft) to outdoor spigot
- Bucket
- Detergent *[name]*
- Wet brush

Assigned to:

- Driver: responsible for daily sweeping, moving truck to washing location.
- Farm Crew or Driver: responsible for weekly truck washing.

Procedure:

Sweeping: *will be done daily before next truck use for deliveries.*

1. Park truck with rear pointing towards grassy buffer.
2. Make sure the washing station is closed and no produce is sitting around.
3. Remove all pallets, shrink wrap, leftover product, and trash.
4. Use brooms from storage area to dry sweep dirt from the back of the truck.
5. Record on **Truck Cleaning Log**.

Washing: *will be done weekly or whenever any wet/juicy materials have gotten it dirty.*

1. Park truck in yard with rear pointing towards grassy buffer.
2. Make sure the washing station is closed and no produce or food contact surfaces will get sprayed.
3. Follow sweeping protocol above.
4. Connect 50 ft hose to outdoor spigot.
5. Mix **[X amount of detergent/cleaning agent]** into **[X]** gallons of water.
6. Hose down truck walls and beds with clean water.
7. Use wet brush to dunk in bucket with cleaner and scrub truck walls and beds. Rinse brush and bucket and remove from truck.

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8. Rinse all suds and dirt from truck with clean water.
9. Let truck drain.
10. Disconnect and coil hose. Rehang it in barn.
11. Record cleaning on **Truck Cleaning Log**.
12. Close truck and park before dark.

Verification and Documentation:

Record all cleaning events on **Truck Cleaning Log**. Supervisor will review and sign logs on a weekly basis. Trucks will be scheduled for cleaning immediately if corrective actions are needed.

Reviewed By:	Signature:	Date:
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